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REFS: (A) USDAO BUCHAREST 0164, (SECDEF ONLY)
(B) USDAO BUCHAREST 0242 (SECDEF ONLY)
(C) USNATO 07188, (D) USNATO 07423,
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1. USDAO BUCH INITIATED PROPOSAL TO ROMANIAN MOD 2 NOV 77
FOR EXCHANGE OF MILITARY LECTURERS AT MILITARY ACADEMY/
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WAR COLLEGE LEVEL. MOD RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY 23 MAY 78,
ACCEPTING ORIGINAL PROPOSAL AND EXPANDING TO INCLUDE ATTACHES
BRIEFING MILITARY AUDIENCES AT MOD/DOD LEVEL AND AT OPERATIONAL
UNITS, ON OCCASIONS OF NATIONAL AND ARMED FORCES DAYS.

2. MOD MADE FIRST OFFICIAL CONCRETE REQUEST ON 26 JUNE
FOR ARMA BRIEFING OF MOD AUDIENCE ON 4 JULY. SECSTATE/

SECDEF APPROVED BRIEFING 30 JUNE. DATT CONDUCTED BRIEFING 4 JULY. SECOND MOD PROPOSAL MADE ON 10 JULY FOR AIRA BRIEFING (WITH PHOTO DISPLAY, FILM SHOWING) AT ROMAF OPERATIONAL UNIT ON ANNIVERSARY USAF (18 SEPT 78). AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT LATTER PROPOSAL STILL PENDING IN WASHINGTON.

3. PORTUGUESE MILITARY ATTACHE WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN SIMILAR PROGRAM AT OPERATIONAL UNITS IN JAN 78. PROPOSAL TURNED DOWN BY GOP IN JUNE (IN PART PROBABLY DUE TO US/NATO CONCERS RE POSSIBILITY OF SUBVERSION BEING ADVANCED BY SUCH A BRIEFING EXCHANGE). OTHER NATO ATTACHES WERE GIVEN SIMILAR MOD PROPOSALS SHORTLY AFTER US INDICATED ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE 30 JUNE. MEXICAN AMBASSADOR CONDUCTED SIMILAR BRIEFINGS AT ROMAF UNIT ON OCCASION OF MEXICAN ARMED FORCES DAY 19 FEB 78. BELIEVE THIS TO BE FIRST NON WARSAW PACT PARTICIPATION IN ROMANIAN SPONSORED FOREIGN ARMED FORCES DAY ACTIVITY AT ROMANIAN MILITARY UNIT.

4. THIS EMBASSY IS ACTIVELY PROMOTING EXPANDED US-ROMANIAN MILITARY EXCHANGES OF THIS NATURE PER APPROVED US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN ROMANIA (REF E), AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS SIMILAR EFFORTS OF UK AND OTHER NATO COUNTRIES, IN THE BELIEF THAT THEY HELP TO STRENGTHEN ROMANIAN MILITARY PRO-

WESTERN ATTITUDES AND INDEPENDENT POLICIES.

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